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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

This communication is a response to a final Office Action dated June 12, 2006, in which the Examiner has stated that claims 1, 2, 12, 13, and 21 are allowed, and claims 3-11 and 14-20 are rejected for failing to meet the enabling requirement. According to the Examiner's recommendations, the applicants herein provide amendments to their Abstract, Specification, and Claims to make the corrections needed. The Examiner has also requested a new set of drawings to confirm the illustrations that the applicants want to include as a part of their invention disclosure. The applicants believe that no new matter has been added as a result of the amendments made.

Also enclosed are an Additional Inventor Declaration Form and a Power of Attorney Form each signed by a co-inventor who is to be added as a named inventor to the U.S. patent when it is issued.